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For : *HANSENULA POLYMORPHA* YAPSIN DEFICIENT MUTANT STRAIN  
AND PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF RECOMBINANT  
PROTEINS USING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on  
the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as  
follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.